

RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF FORMER SENATOR HENRY L. BELLMON

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to S. Res. 293.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 293) relative to the death of Henry Louis Bellmon, former United States Senator for the State of Oklahoma.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 293) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 293

Whereas Henry Bellmon served as a United States Marine from 1942-1946, where he served as a platoon tank commander in the Pacific theater, and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service in Saipan and the Silver Star for bravery in action on Iwo Jima;

Whereas Henry Bellmon served as a Major in the Marine Corps Reserve until 1954;

Whereas Henry Bellmon served two non-consecutive terms as governor of the State of Oklahoma from 1963-1967, when he was elected as the state's first Republican governor, and from 1987-1991; and

Whereas Henry Bellmon served the people of Oklahoma with distinction for 12 years in the United States Senate from 1969-1981;

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Henry Bellmon, former member of the United States Senate.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Henry Bellmon.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its

business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, September 30; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then proceed to a period of morning business for 1 hour, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees, with the Republicans controlling the first half and the majority controlling the final half; that following morning business, the Senate proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2918, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, as provided under the previous order; finally I ask that the Senate recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly caucus luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there will be at least three votes around 4:30 tomorrow afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate adjourn under the provisions of S. Res 293 as a mark of further respect to former Senator Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:50 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GLADYS COMMONS, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, VICE DOUGLAS A. BROOK, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

HARRIS D. SHERMAN, OF COLORADO, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, VICE MARK EDWARD REY, RESIGNED.

HARRIS D. SHERMAN, OF COLORADO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION, VICE MARK EDWARD REY.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

STEVEN L. JACQUES, OF KANSAS, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, VICE CATHY M. MACFARLANE.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

ALAN D. BERSIN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE W. RALPH BASHAM.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

MICHAEL C. POLT, OF TENNESSEE, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

ADELE LOGAN ALEXANDER, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE HUMANITIES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 26, 2014, VICE MARGUERITE SULLIVAN, TERM EXPIRED.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

VICTORIA ANGELICA ESPINEL, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. (NEW POSITION)

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate, September 29, 2009:

THE JUDICIARY

JEFFREY L. VIKEN, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JENNY A. DURKAN, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

FLORENCE T. NAKAKUNI, OF HAWAII, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

DEBORAH K. R. GILG, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS.

WITHDRAWALS

Executive message transmitted by the President to the Senate on September 29, 2009 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nominations:

HARRIS D. SHERMAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT, VICE MARK EDWARD REY, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2009.

HARRIS D. SHERMAN, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION, VICE MARK EDWARD REY, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2009.